



SONIC

THE COMIC

**DO
THE
TIME
WARP**

ON RETURN OF CHAOTIX!

**PLUS ...
KNUCKLES!**

**SONIC'S
WORLD!**

DECAP ATTACK!

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STORY**

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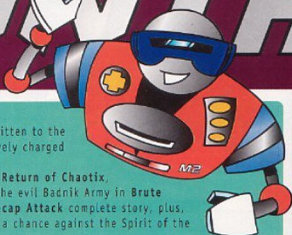
CONTROL ZONE

Hey, Boomers!

If I had finger nails, they'd be bitten to the quick by now as this issue is positively charged with dynamic drama ...

Sonic's imperiled in the past in Return of Chaotix, while the present is threatened by the evil Badnik Army in Brute Force. Nanny Knows Best in the Decap Attack complete story, plus, find out if Knuckles has a ghost of a chance against the Spirit of the Heir in The Graveyard.

Watch out, there's another Badnik about in our centre pages! Plus, there's the conclusion to the Batman Forever Q Zone. Also, as promised, Sega are giving away a mega Sonic & Knuckles Camera to everyone who has their handwork printed in Speedlines. There's plenty to sound off to STC about, so send those letters and drawings in and you too could be snap happy! See you in two weeks time (there's a FREE Sonic Valentine's Card for you to send to a mega-hume of your choice).



Megadroid

CREEPLY COMPO RESULTS!

STC has conjured up the results to issue 64's happening Halloween issue. All you had to do was name the vegetable commonly associated with Halloween. The answer was 'Pumpkin' and the following entrants names were plucked from Joshua Morris' attic - Well done (and thanks to all other Boomers who entered the Competition).

25 CREEPY TOWERS WINNERS

Ben Anderson, Stavanger, Norway. James Ashdown, Tolpiddle, Dorset. William Burrows, Grantham, Lincs. Shaun Chadwick, Sutton Coldfield, W Midlands. Sally Clarke, St Andrews, Bristol. Sam Flood, Grimsby, S Humberdale. Joe Gallagher, Nottingham. Shaun Gallagher, Yaldley, Birmingham. Adam Griffiths, Wearsfield, Wolverhampton. Tom Griffiths, Templecombe, Somerset. Chris Hall, S Glamorgan, Wales. Timothy Heath, Hythe, Southampton. Rachel

Hendry, Bexleyheath, Kent. Rachael Hodgson, Shildon, Co Durham. Sam Hood, Dundee, Scotland. Tom Hunter, Woodford Green, Essex. Shannon Kavanagh, Tamworth, Staffs. Daniel Kay, Malvern, Warks. Ross O'Reilly, Newton Abbott, Devon. Ian Patch, Driffield, E Yorks. Gina Phan, St Andrews, Bristol. Jan Ross, Croydon, Surrey. Bernie Siddall, Coventry, W Midlands. Kat Bond Sin, Farnham Common, Bucks. Craig Stewart, Tynemouth, Sunderland.

30 CREEPY CAN WINNERS

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SEGA

CHARTS
COMPILED BY
GALLUP



↑ up/down RE/NEW entry ● non mover

MEGA DRIVE

- 1 NEW FIFA SOCCER '96
- 2 ● MICRO MACHINES '96
- 3 ● MORTAL KOMBAT 3
- 4 ↓ FIFA SOCCER '95
- 5 ● MICKEY MANIA
- 6 ↓ PGA TOUR GOLF 3
- 7 RE MICRO MACHINES 2
- 8 RE THEME PARK
- 9 RE SONIC AND KNUCKLES
- 10 RE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2

MEGA - CD

- 1 ↑ SOULSTAR
- 2 RE ETERNAL CHAMPIONS
- 3 ↑ EARTHWORM JIM
- 4 ↓ GROUND ZERO TEXAS
- 5 ↓ BRUTAL: PAWS OF FURY
- 6 ↓ MICKEY MANIA
- 7 RE SEGA CLASSICS
- 8 ↓ NBA JAM
- 9 ↓ WORLD CUP USA '94
- 10 RE SNATCHER

MASTER SYSTEM

- 1 ↑ MICKEY MOUSE 2
- 2 ● ROBOCOP V TERMINATOR
- 3 ↓ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
- 4 ● JAMES POND 2 - ROBOCOD
- 5 RE STREETS OF RAGE
- 6 ↓ THE LION KING
- 7 NEW ECCO
- 8 ● ASTERIX AND THE SECRET MISSION
- 9 ● SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
- 10 ↓ JUNGLE BOOK

GAME GEAR

- 1 ↑ STAR TREK: GENERATIONS
- 2 ↑ SONIC CHAOS
- 3 ↑ THE LION KING
- 4 RE DRAGON: THE BRUCE LEE STORY
- 5 ↓ STRIDER 2
- 6 ↑ SONIC DRIFT RACING
- 7 ↓ FANTASTIC ADVENTURES OF DIZZY
- 8 RE DROPZONE
- 9 RE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
- 10 RE CJ'S ELEPHANT ANTICS

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SONIC

THE RETURN OF CHAOTIX

The Return of Chaotix

Part 4

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MIKEE RITCHING

Art:
RICHARD ELSON

Lettering:
ELLEN DE'VILLE

THE BROTHERHOOD OF METALLIX HAVE
TRAVELLED BACK IN TIME AND CHANGED HISTORY!

NOW THEY RULE PLANET MOBIUS AND THE FEW
REMAINDERS OF THE RIGHTFUL POPULATION ARE
FORCED TO HIDE BENEATH THE PLANET'S SURFACE.

SONIC AND CHAOTIX ARE TRYING
TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO NEXT!

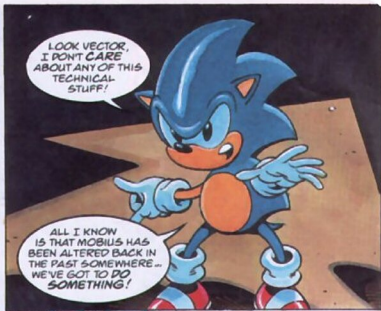
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DON'T BELIEVE
THIS!

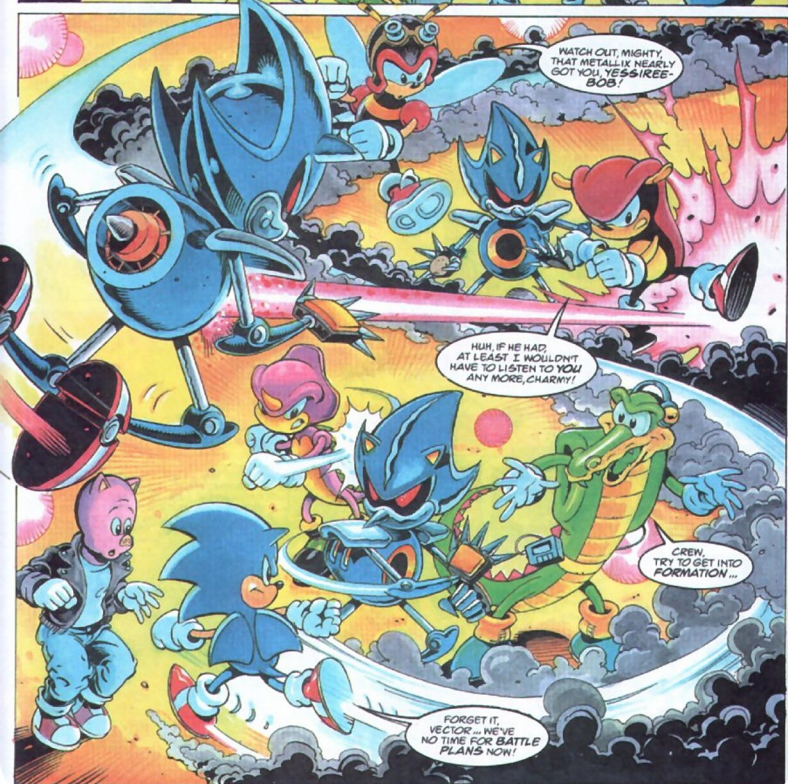
DOCTOR KINTOBOR
HAVE YOU HEARD OF A BRUTAL
DICTATOR BY THE NAME OF DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK?

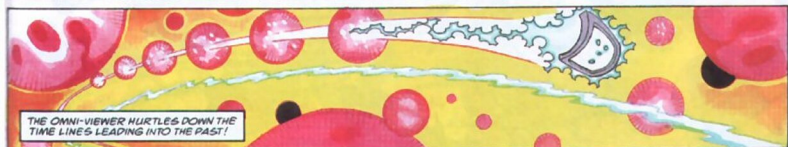
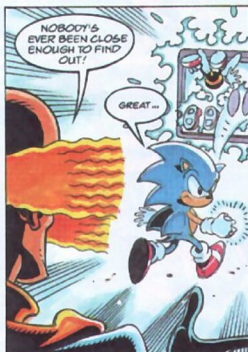
ROBOTNIK?
NO... I'D REMEMBER
A NAME AS STUPID
AS THAT!

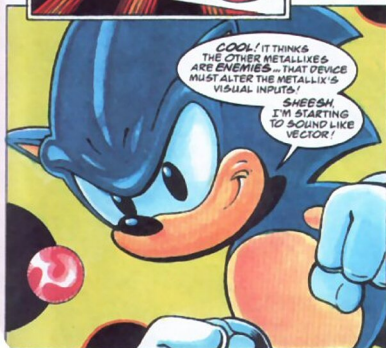
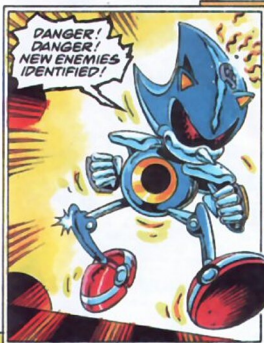
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK IS YOU! AT LEAST
THAT'S WHO YOU WERE SUPPOSED
TO CHANGE INTO... BEFORE THE METALLIXES
ALTERED HISTORY, THAT IS!

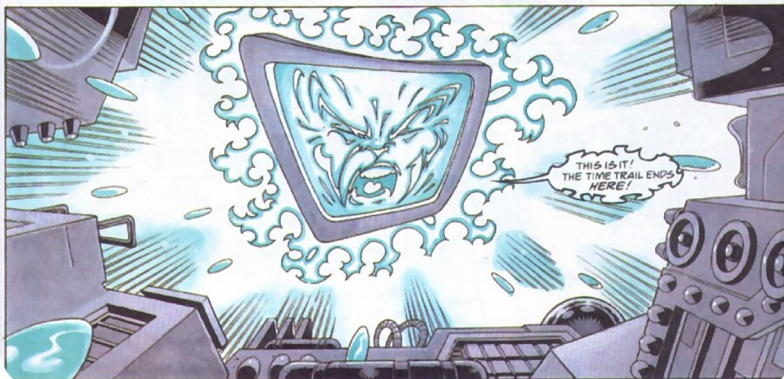
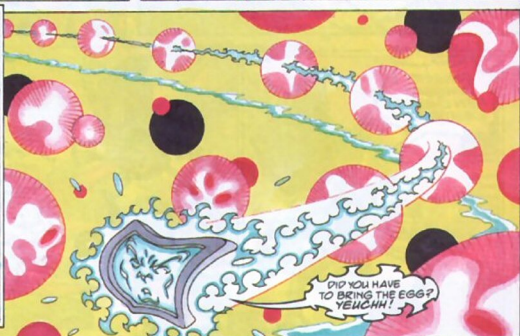


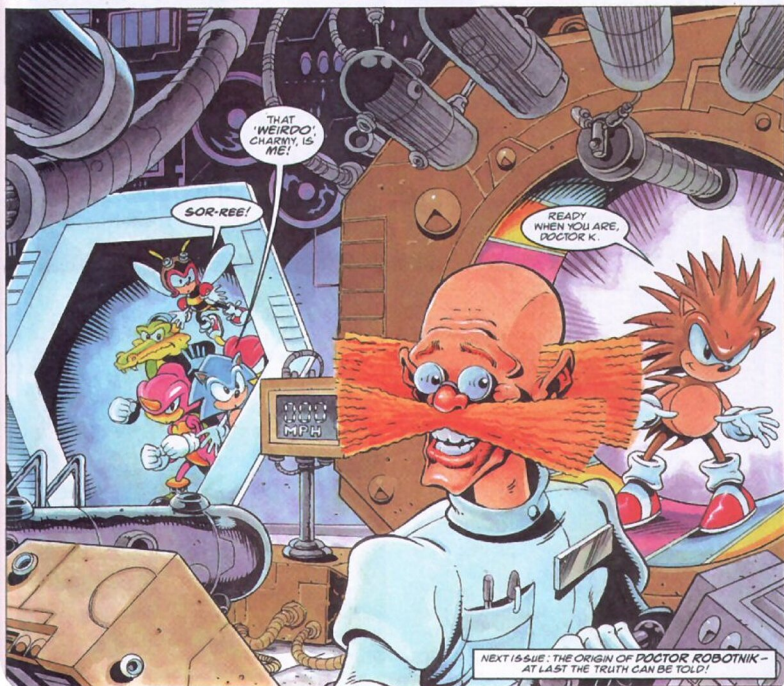
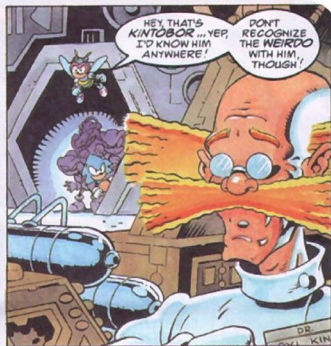
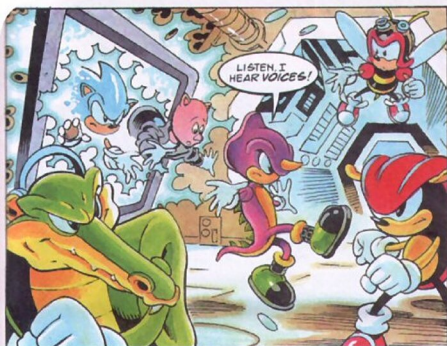












REVIEW ZONE

YOUR GUIDE TO NEW GAME RELEASES FOR THE SEGA SYSTEMS

STC'S RATING SYSTEM
UNDER 40 = YAWNsville

40-70 = NORMALsville
70-80 = FUN CITY

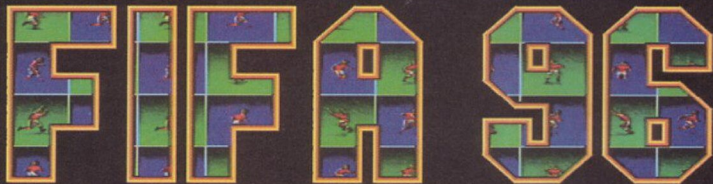
80-90 = BIG TIME CITY
OVER 90 = MEGA CITY

FIFA SOCCER '96

Reviewed by Chris Jones



GAME TYPE: SPORT
PLAYERS: 1-4
PUBLISHER: ELECTRONIC ARTS
PRICE: £44.99



"Goal", "Goal", "Goal", "Goal", is the shout heard as your shot hits the back of the net in FIFA Soccer '96.

The game is brought to you by those sports sim kings Electronic Arts, and they've given 110% to make the finest soccer game seen on the Mega Drive yet.

They have improved the earlier versions and crammed in more options than ever before.

FIFA Soccer '96 drops you right in the middle of the world's most popular game. We already know that its graphics, sound and gameplay create an intense

soccer atmosphere - but with its new options you can get even more involved with the game. The new facilities include players that react to different coaching strategies, a 'create team mode' that allows you to assemble your own dream team, and a league creation system that enables you to set up leagues





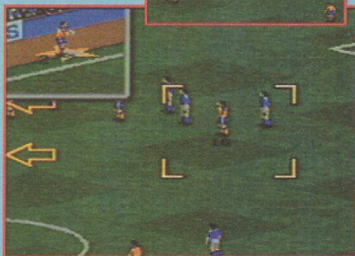
that mirror 300 international club and country teams. Your players will be accurately rated and characterised to play like their real life counterparts. When you pick Manchester Utd., Eric Cantona will be the real "Ooh", "Aah"!

The game is played on a three-dimensional diagonally sloping pitch with a great stadium atmosphere. The graphics are good and the detail of the animation allows for flying headers, overhead kicks, tricky backheel's, one-two's and volley's. The



game is harder than the original versions to master. Computer controlled teams are not a pushover anymore. You need to think football to win. Passing, set-plays and patience are the keys rather than punting the ball down field Wimbledon-style and shooting a goal from 40 yards.

FIFA Soccer '96 also has endless play options. You can choose your strategies and opt for 'Attack' combined with a 'Sweeper' system. You can also have practice sessions with your team where you can set up training drills with attackers against defenders. Finally, there is also a transfer market, so you can attempt to buy success. The only criticism is that teams' strips don't always resemble their real life ones. Arsenal don't play in all red shirts! Also perhaps the gameplay suffers from over-complicating all the different options. However, this is a game worth dipping into the transfer market for. By this I mean transferring it from the shop to your Mega Drive.



FINAL COUNTDOWN

RAVES
Soccer
magic!



GRAPHICS 95

SOUND 95

GRAVES
Not just a
game about
22 men and
a ball!



PLAYABILITY 80

OVERALL 90

Decap Attack

Script: NIGEL KITCHING & RICHARD RAYNER

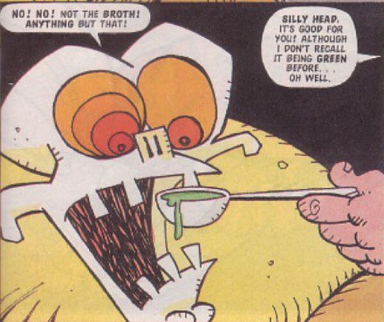
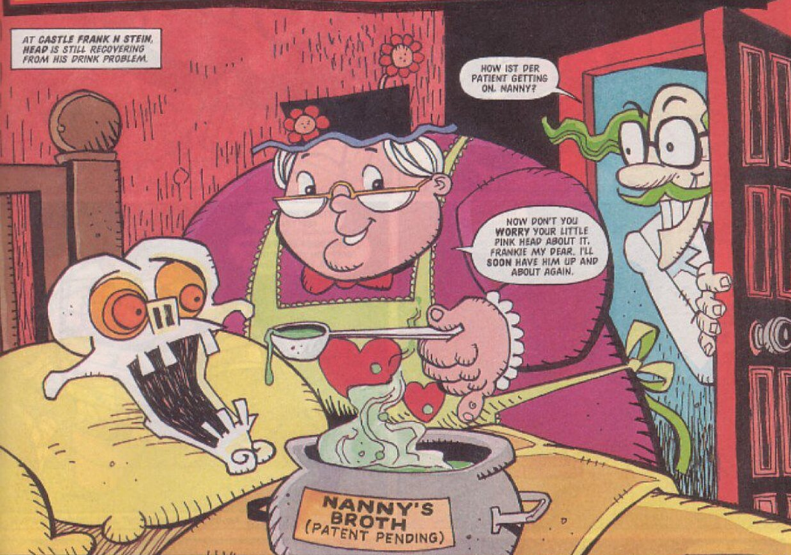
Art: NIGEL KITCHING

Lettering: TOM FRAME

NANNY
KNOWS
BEST

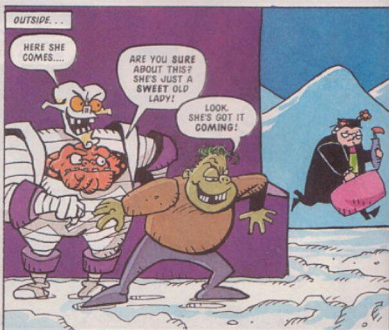
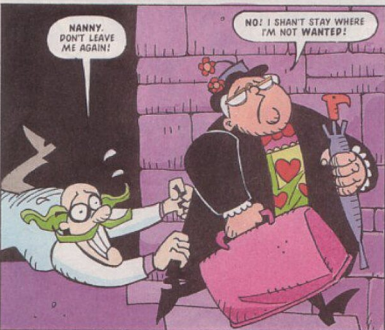
COMPLETE
STORY

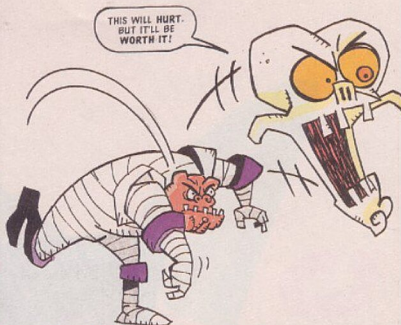
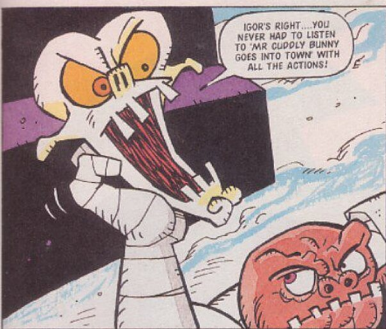
AT CASTLE FRANK N STEIN,
HEAD IS STILL RECOVERING
FROM HIS DRINK PROBLEM.













KNUCKLES

The Graveyard

Part 2

WRITER:
NIGEL KITCHING

ART:
NIGEL DOBBYNS

LETTERING:
LETTA FELL

KNUCKLES HAS JOURNEYED TO THE KOHENYU GRAVEYARD.

HE CAME TO LOOK FOR A REPLACEMENT FOR THE DESTROYED MASTER EMERALD.

SUDDENLY HE FINDS HIMSELF FACING THE VENGEFUL SPIRIT OF THE HORD!

TIME TO PAY FOR YOUR SINS, ECHIDNA!

THE POISON FROM THE DRALIDTM IS GETTING TO ME... THEY SAY IT CAN CAUSE HALLUCINATIONS!

MAYBE NONE OF THIS IS REAL!

*A NOXIOUS PLANT WHICH ONLY GROWS IN THIS REGION - Megadroid.

CHACK!

BUT THAT LOOKED PRETTY REAL!



I DON'T
WANT TO HURT
YOU...

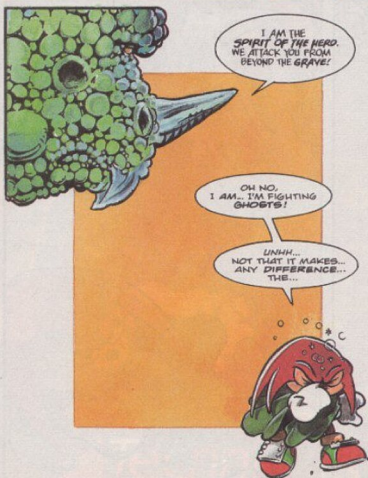


BUT
YOU'RE NOT
GIVING
ME MUCH
CHOICE!



YOU LOOK
PRETTY LIVELY
TO ME!

WAIT
A MINUTE...
YOU DON'T
MEAN...



OH NO,
I AM... I'M FIGHTING
GHOSTS!

UNHH...
NOT THAT IT MAKES...
ANY DIFFERENCE...
THE...



THE
DEYALID POISON
HAS TAKEN EFFECT...
THE HERD WILL BE
ROBBED OF THEIR
REVENGE!





PERHAPS
YOU SPEAK THE
TRUTH. PERHAPS
YOU DO NOT
KNOW...

I WILL TELL
YOU OUR STORY...
ABOUT THE
EXTINCTION OF
AN ENTIRE
SPECIES!

"ONCE THE HERD ROAMED
THESE LANDS IN PEACE."

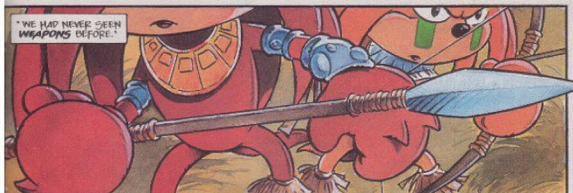
"WE WERE MANY AND WE
BELIEVED WE WOULD RULE
THE VALLEY FOREVER!"

"THEN CAME THE ECHIDNAST!"

"COMPARED TO US YOU WERE
SMALL... WE IGNORED YOU."



"WE HAD NEVER SEEN
WEAPONS BEFORE."



"IT TOOK YEARS, BUT THE
OUTCOME WAS NEVARIABLE."



NO
WAIT! I KNOW
THIS STORY, IT'S
PART OF ECHIDNA
ANCIENT
HISTORY!



CENTURIES
AGO WE HUNTED YOU
FOR FOOD... BUT WE DIDN'T
DESTROY THE WHOLE
HERD!

ALTHOUGH
THE HERD WAS MANY
HUNDREDS, WE HAD JUST
20 MALES. THEY WERE
THE SLOWEST...

AND
WE KILLED
THEM ALL... I
DIDN'T KNOW,
NOBODY
DID!



AND SO
YOU SEE, ECHIDNA—YOUR
KIND CAUSED THE
EXTINCTION OF AN ENTIRE
SPECIES!

AND NOW
IT IS TIME
TO PAY THE
PRICE!





ZONE

Q IS FOR QUESTION.

Q IS FOR QUERY.

Q IS FOR QUANDARY.

IF YOU WANT TO ENTER THE Q ZONE FOR HINTS, TIPS AND HELP WITH YOUR FAVOURITE SEGA GAMES, DROP A LINE TO:-

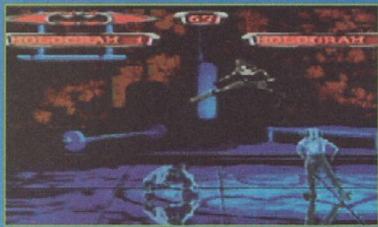
Q ZONE, SONIC THE COMIC, 25-31 TAVISTOCK PLACE, LONDON, WC1H 9SU.

Problem Solver: David Gibbon.

BATMANTM FOREVER



SPECIAL Part 2



Welcome to the concluding part of *STC's* Bat-File, getting you through the trickier parts of this super-hero action game. Last issue, we left the Dynamic Duo fighting their way through the Criminal Circus. Now, we rejoin them as they come face-to-face-to-face with Two Face!

LEVEL FOUR - TWO-FACE'S HIDEOUT: WAREHOUSE

After breaking boxes, head left to discover a secret area and some rather nice collectables! Now, head all the way back and right. Continue right, fighting past

Saboteur and Blackguard, among others. Once you reach the part where there's only a small section of platform, fire your Bat rope straight up and climb into the crate above. Go right, jumping across each crate until there are no more available. Next, fly right and you'll pick up an extra life!



Once you're back on the ground, head right. Be careful when you come to the giant crushers. As one comes down, quickly jump up and fly over it! When you reach a room with an overhead switch, jump up to move it. Jump onto the crate that falls, then jump up and grab onto the screw. Head right, move another switch, then jump up and grab onto another screw. You'll now head left. Flick the switch when you come to it, and using another screw, head right again.

Once on the ground, go right, through a door to end. You'll then fight Sugar and Spice, after which you'll meet Two-Face himself. You must kill him quickly





otherwise his energy increases; the easiest and best way is to bend down and keep hitting his legs until he drops.

LEVEL FIVE - RITZ GOTHAM

fariay simply level, when you know how!

Ensure you drop down the last hole to the right of the level. If you don't you could be on for hours trying to finish it! Once you're in, make your way across by grabbing onto the screws and flying. Make sure you stay on the left of each platform, however, because the rest will collapse! Be warned: some of the baddies on this and future levels have the habit of disappearing! When this happens, just keep lashing out and hope for the best! Once on the ground, hit the top-left switch to complete the level!

LEVEL EIGHT - CLAW ISLAND

If you've got this far then give yourself a big pat on the back. Only don't get smug as this is the hardest level in the whole game.

Once inside the brain room you must pass a mental test in order to save Doctor Chase Meridian, which is no easy task! The idea is to swing on the heads that keep moving in and out of the wall. Perfect timing is required or you'll end up flat on your face. Go round the level touching each green box. Try and get round as fast as possible, otherwise the green boxes will need re-lighting all over again! If you manage to do that,

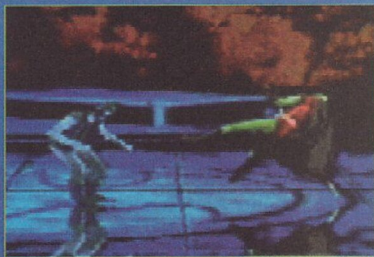


you then get to grips with the Riddler. After that you must face a giant marshmallow-man look-alike Riddler. If you complete that, you'll have completed the game.

Well done and Holy games playing, Batman!

TOP TIPS

1. **Batman Forever** features collectables throughout the game and in many hidden areas. Ensure you pick these as they provide everything from extra energy to an extra life. For example, try kicking the statues and bushes in Level Two!
2. The game contains secret areas hidden in every single level. Keep searching high and low - there are loads of them to discover! You can even access one while travelling on the lift in level two!



NEXT ISSUE: BEAVIS AND BUTT-HEAD.

COMMANDER BRUTUS, A ROBOT TROOPER PROGRAMMED WITH THE SAME PERSONALITY AS DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, SECRETLY PLANS TO TAKE CONTROL OF PLANET MOBIUS!

HAHAHA!
THANKS TO THIS
MIND SCANNER I NOW
POSSESS A COPY OF GRIMER'S
SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE!
I CAN BUILD MY OWN
BADNIKS!

UHH...



SONIC'S WORLD

Brute Force

Part 2

Script: LEW STRINGER Art: CARL FLINT
Colouring: BONNIE COX Lettering: STEVE POTTER

WH... WHAT
HAPPENED?

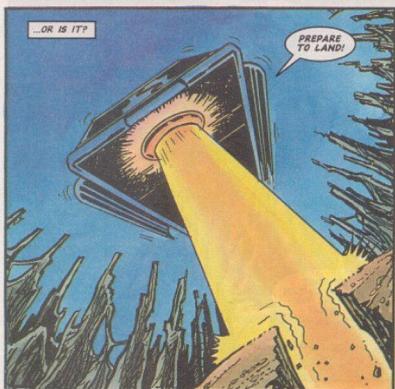
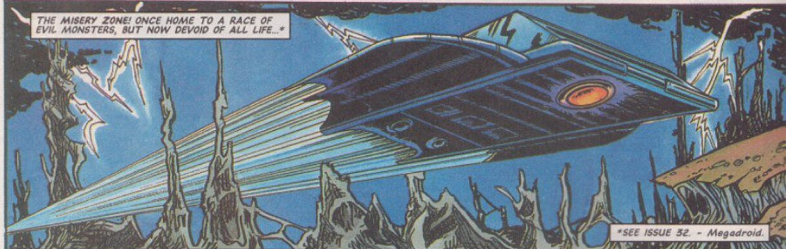
ER... YOU,
UM... FAINTED!
THE STRAIN OF
THE JOB MUST
BE GETTING
TO YOU!"

*ACTUALLY, BRUTUS ZAPPED HIM
IN THE LAST ISSUE! - Megadroid

YOU
JUST SIT AND
REST GRIMER! I
HAVE BUSINESS
TO ATTEND
TO!

GOOD
LUCK! HOPE
THOSE MIND
SCANNERS
WORK!

OH THEY
DO... ER, I MEAN
I'M SURE THEY
WILL!





GOOD
MORNING,
PRISONERS!



WH-WHY
ARE YOU KEEPING
US HERE? DOES
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK
KNOW AB--

SILENCE!



I DID NOT
CAPTURE YOU FOR
ROBOTNIK. I CAPTURED
YOU FOR MY OWN
PLANS!

*LAST ISSUE - Megadroid.



WOW!
DOES THAT
MEAN WE'RE NOT
GOING TO BE
TURNED INTO
BADNIKS?

HOORAY
COMMANDER
BRUTUS!



NO, IT
MEANS YOU'RE
GOING TO BE MY
BADNIKS!

OH WELL.
IT WAS A NICE
THOUGHT WHILE
IT LASTED.

I WAS
WARNED THERE'D
BE DAYS LIKE
THIS!



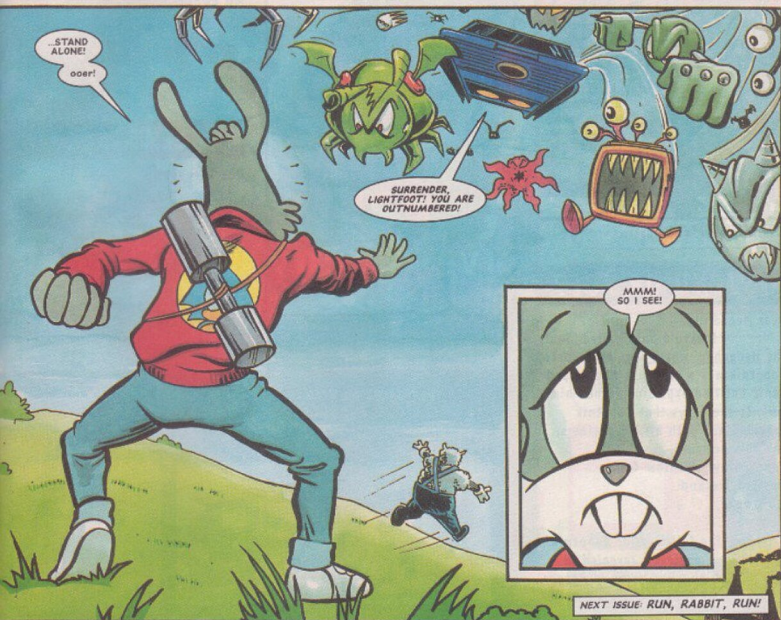
THE COTTON FACTORY ZONE, WHERE JOHNNY LIGHTFOOT IS INVESTIGATING REPORTS OF SLAVE LABOUR...

IT'S TRUE, JOHNNY! ROBOTNIK USES OUR WOOL TO MAKE HIMSELF EGG COSYS AND SOCKS AND PAYS US NOTHING!

YOU MEAN ROBOTNIK ACTUALLY HAS MORE THAN ONE PAIR OF SOCKS? YOU'D NEVER GUESS WHEN YOU'RE UPWIND OF HIM!

CAN YOU GET SONIC TO HELP US?

MAYBE I CAN SORT THIS OUT, AFTER ALL, SONIC, AMY, AND TAILS ALL GO OFF ON THEIR OWN ADVENTURES, BUT I NEVER GET A CHANCE TO...



NEXT ISSUE: RUN, RABBIT, RUN!



EITHER POST YOUR MAIL TO:-
SPEEDLINES, SONIC THE COMIC, 25/31 TAVISTOCK PLACE, LONDON WC1H 9SU.

... OR USE THE E-MAIL SERVICE (SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS).



Graham Stoddard, Alton, Hants.

FRIEND OR FOE?

Dear Megadroid,

I have a book called 'Sonic the Hedgehog' which says that Doctor Robotnik was a scientist who helped Sonic until an explosion turned him evil. It even says that Robotnik provided him with his red trainers.

Can this be true?
John Foley, Wicklow Town,
Rep. of Ireland.
MD Owner.



The full facts of Robotnik's origin are revealed in this very issue in *Return of Chaotix*. How's that for service!



Foxy Robin!

Craig Finch, Blackbird Leys, Oxford.
GG owner.

KNUCKLE UNDER?

Dear Megadroid,

I've had an argument with some pals at school. The reason is that they say Knuckles is a girl, but I know he's a boy! Could you please prove this?

Thomas Bullen, Letchworth, Herts
MD owner.



I thought Knuckles was an echidna, Thomas!

CLEAN SOLE!

Dear Megadroid,

You may think this is a silly question, but why are Sonic's sneakers always so clean?

David Sigley, Crewe, Cheshire.
MD & GG Owner.



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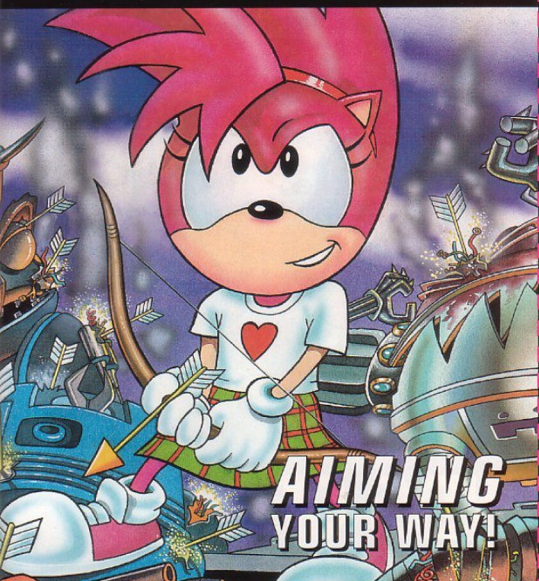
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